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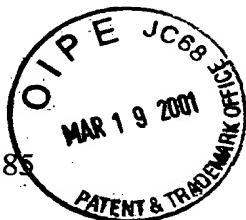
In re Patent Application of

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For: PLASTIC CONTAINER, AND
METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR
SUPPLYING PHOTOGRAPHIC
PROCESSING CHEMICALS USING
THE PLASTIC CONTAINER



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing in the above identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, 13 and 20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A plastic container, comprising:

a bottom portion which has a substantially rectangular bottom surface;

a trunk portion which is formed by four flat planar sides which rise up

vertically from respective sides of the bottom surface and which is substantially rectangular pipe-shaped;

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